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1. SUMMARY. THE MAJOR POLISH DAILIES OF JUNE 15 CARRIED UPBEAT EDITORIALS ABOUT THE OPENING OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. OTHER NEWSPAPER FEATURES CAREFULLY REPEATED POLEMICAL THEMES ABOUT CSCE WHICH HAVE APPEARED OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

2. TRYBUNA LUDU OF JUNE 15 SAYS THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE HAS AS ITS STARTING POINT THE CSCE FINAL ACT, A DOCUMENT OF "HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE" WHICH FULLY DESERVES TO BE CALLED "THE GREAT CHARTER OF EUROPEAN PEACE." HE SAID EFFECTS OF THE FINAL ACT WERE  
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ALREADY EVIDENT AND CONCLUDED THAT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE USED BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AS A "PLATFORM FOR DEMONSTRATING GOOD WILL". ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF JUNE 15 WRITES THAT, DESPITE SOME ATTEMPTS AT SELECTIVE TREATMENT OF THE CSCE PRINCIPLES, THE MAJORITY OF STATES OPPOSED USING THE CONFERENCE FOR IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION; HELSINKI PROVED THAT "REALISM AND HEALTHY REASONING" DOMINATE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. THE EDITOR OF

SLOWO POWSZECHNE, JANUSZ STEFANOWICZ, SAYS THAT, DESPITE AN EFFORT TO REINTERPRET THE CSCE PRINCIPLES IN THE WEST, THE "TRIAL BY FIRE" IS OVER.

3. TRYBUNA LUDU OF JUNE 15 ALSO CARRIES A MAJOR ARTICLE BY THE HEAD OF POLISH RADIO AND TELEVISION, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER MACIEJ SZCZEPANSKI, ENTITLED "HUMAN RIGHTS FOR WHAT?" SZCZEPANSKI SUMS UP THE PRESS THEMES OF THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE FULLY REALIZED ONLY IN A SOCIALIST SYSTEM WHERE THE CONCEPT OF HUMAN FREEDOM IS MOST BROADLY INTERPRETED. POLAND'S PEACEFUL POLICY REFLECTS ITS FUNDAMENTAL SUPPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHT TO LIVE, WHICH IS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE RIGHT TO WORK AND THE RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE. PRESIDENT CARTER CHOSE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM WITH A HUMAN-RIGHTS CAMPAIGN, RATHER THAN AN ARMS RACE, WHICH THE UNITED STATES COULD ILL AFFORD. THE AVERAGE CITIZEN IN A CAPITALIST COUNTRY IS THE VICTIM OF PROPAGANDA AND HAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND CONDITIONS IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. RECENT WESTERN PRESS REPORTS THAT POLISH AUTHORITIES HAVE USED REPRESSION AGAINST THE WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE ARE EXAMPLES OF THIS. THE FACT THAT THE WDC IS ACTIVE IS THE BEST REBUTTAL OF THESE ACCUSATIONS.

4. TRYBUNA LUDU OF JUNE 14 CARRIED A FEATURE ENTITLED "WHO IS TO CARRY THE SECOND BASKET?" WHICH CHARGES THAT BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC EXCHANGE ARE THE RESULT OF WESTERN POLICIES AND NOT OF DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. "OUR THIRD BASKET," IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF JUNE 16, CONTENDS THAT THE 12,117 FOREIGN LITERARY WORKS TRANSLATED INTO POLISH SINCE WORLD WAR II REFLECT A "WIDE TOLERANCE AND OPEN EDITORIAL POLICY" WHICH IS NOT SHARED IN THE WEST.  
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5. COMMENT: POLISH OFFICIALS CLEARLY WOULD PREFER THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE TO BE AS FORMAL AND AS UNCONTROVERSIAL AS POSSIBLE. THEY ALSO MAKE PLAIN THAT THEY ARE READY FOR THE "CONFRONTATION" THEY SEEK TO AVOID. END COMMENT.  
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